

## **SARIAH KHORMAE**

NIH-Cambridge and Marshall Scholar 2006

Degrees: University of Washington, B.S., Neuroscience and Biochemistry, 2006

Research Interests: Neuroscience



Sariah Khormae is a 2006 summa cum laude graduate of the University of Washington. During her undergraduate education, she received numerous academic awards including the Zahlia-Jencks-Rowe Scholarship, Merck Index Department of Chemistry Award, Phi Beta Kappa Membership, Henley Honors Program Scholarship, Washington Promise Scholarship, Department of Chemistry Freshman Achievement Award, Undergraduate Achievement Award, Greater Vancouver Rotary College Scholarship and Clark County College Scholarship. Upon graduation, Sariah was named the University of Washington President's Medalist, an honor given to the graduating senior with the most outstanding academic record. As an undergraduate, Sariah's research on treatments for corneal blindness in the Departments of Ophthalmology and Bioengineering was supported by a 2005-2006 Howard Hughes Undergraduate Research Grant. Prior to her work on the eye, she investigated mathematical models of brain tumor proliferation in the Department of Pathology with support from a 2004-2005 Mary Gates Research Training Grant. Most recently, she has been awarded the Marshall Scholarship to study at the University of Cambridge and a place in the National Medical Scientist Training Program to pursue a combined M.D./Ph.D. degree. Outside of her research activities, Sariah is a talented harpist, performing as a soloist and in the University of Washington Harp Ensemble. In the future, Sariah hopes to conduct interdisciplinary research on the interaction of materials with the nervous system in order to develop more effective and affordable nervous system therapies.